

August 30, 2018

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Special Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2018

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North Board Room.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Laura Pawlewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee  
ABSENT: Terry Fulton, Trustee  
ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools

AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.  
BOARD OF APPROVED MINUTES  
DATE 8/31/18  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
*[Signature]*

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. To discuss Legal Matters related to Personnel, made by Ms. Benard-Handler; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 6:33 p.m.

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Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee  
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COMMUNITY: 8

### ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.  
Discussion: Trustee Leon expressed discontent with the procedure of bring this item to a Special Meeting . Trustee Santos felt she came to the Board of Education meeting to meet a candidate, not to extend the Superintendents contract. She did not have an agenda.  
Motion Carries: 4 Yes; 2 No (Ms. Santos, Mr. Leon); 0 Abstain.

1. Third Amendment to Employment Agreement – Dr. Mary T. Kelly

### PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-1 made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz .  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Probationary Appointment: Assistant Principal – Mitchell, E.

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Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-2 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

2. Probationary Appointment: Music Teacher – Bonasera, M.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT**

A member of the audience, Sondra Hopkins, asked the Board to wait to approve the Superintendent's contract extension until more of the public could attend and have input. Board President Carolyn Dodd responded that the Board has the responsibility of evaluating the Superintendent and that her evaluation was highly effective for the past three years. She also stated that it is the Board's decision and it is not open for community discussion or input.

A member of the audience, Madeline Quintyne, stated that the item should be tabled.

A member of the audience, Jackie Watkins, asked a question about what the District is doing to improve the diversity of the teaching staff. Dr. Kelly explained that a number of teachers of color were hired, that the District has increased the number of teachers of color over the past four years, and that the District is actively engaged in initiatives to recruit and retain teachers of color.

A member of the audience, Dr. Veronica Henry, made a suggestion about the recruitment of teachers of color through connections with regional colleges and universities.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 7:34 p.m. made by Ms. Pawlewicz; second by Ms. McDonough. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 1 No (Ms. Santos); 0 Abstain.